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TITLE OF INVENTION: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR INTERACTING WITH INTERNET CONTENT VIA ONE OR MORE APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT INCLUDE NATIVE WEB BROWSING NAVIGATION CONTROL FEATURES

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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *renumbered to 1-23* .

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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview and email with Ben Esplin, Reg. No. 58,297 on 9/14/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This **listing of claims** will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

31. **(Currently Amended)** A <u>computer readable electronic storage medium</u> ~~method~~, <u>the electronic storage medium comprising machine readable instructions configured to operate</u> ~~operating~~ on a first computing device <u>to present</u>~~, for presenting~~ Internet content to a user of said first computing device<u>,</u> <u>according to a computer-implemented method</u> comprising:

<u>obtaining, on the first computing device, information identifying a user of the first computing device;</u>

<u>accessing a user profile associated with the user based on the obtained information identifying the user, wherein the user profile is accessed by the first computing device from electronic storage media accessible to one or more processors of the first computing device;</u>

obtaining on electronic storage media accessible to one or more processors of the first computing device machine readable instructions associated with a first <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~, wherein the machine readable instructions associated with the first <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ include one or more initial uniform resource locators at which content for the first <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ is accessible over the Internet;

initiating the first <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ on the first computing device by executing the machine readable instructions associated with the first <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~, wherein initiating the first <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ includes generating, via the first <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~, a request over the Internet for content to the one or more initial uniform resource locators<u>, and</u>

<u>wherein initiation of the first networked information monitor on the first computing device is responsive to an indication in the accessed user profile that the first networked information monitor should be automatically initiated for the user of the first computing device;</u>

obtaining, via the first <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~, first Internet content from the one or more initial uniform resource locators, said first Internet content

programmed in a format readable by a dedicated Web browser program having native web
navigation control features; ~~and~~

rendering, via the first <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~, a graphical user
interface defined by the first Internet content to produce a visual manifestation of the first
Internet content on an output apparatus of the first computing device, wherein the visual
manifestation of the first Internet content is displayed independently from any window of a
dedicated Web browser program including native web navigation control features, and wherein if
the graphical user interface rendered via the first <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home
application~~ provides any control to a user of the first computing device over access, via the first
home application, to content obtained over the Internet from any uniform resource locators other
than the initial uniform resource locators, such control is provided by features of the graphical
user interface that are defined by content received by the first <u>networked information monitor</u>
~~home application~~ over the Internet in a format readable by a dedicated Web browser program
having native web navigation control features<u>;</u>

<u>receiving a share command on the first computing device, wherein the share command
indicates that the first networked information monitor should be shared with another user; and</u>

<u>issuing instructions by the first computing device that result in an electronic transmission
of information to a second computing device that is associated with the other user, wherein the
information transmitted to the second computing device shares with the other user the first
networked information monitor, and wherein the issuing of the instructions by the first
computing device is responsive to the reception of the share command.</u>

32. **(Cancelled)**

33. **(Currently Amended)** The <u>electronic storage medium</u> ~~method~~ of claim ~~32~~ <u>31</u>,
<u>wherein the computer-implemented method</u> further <u>comprises</u> ~~comprising~~:

initiating a second <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ on the first
computing device by executing the machine readable instructions associated with the second
<u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~, wherein initiating the second <u>networked
information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ includes generating, via the second <u>networked</u>

information monitor ~~home application~~, a request over the Internet for content to one or more

initial uniform resource locators that are different from the one or more initial uniform resource

locators associated with the first networked information monitor ~~home application~~;

obtaining, via the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~, second

Internet content from the one or more initial uniform resource locators associated with the

second networked information monitor ~~home application~~, the second Internet content being

programmed in a format readable by a dedicated Web browser program having native web

navigation control features; and

rendering, via the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~, a graphical

user interface defined by the second Internet content to produce a visual manifestation of the

second Internet content on the output apparatus of the first computing device, wherein the visual

manifestation of the second Internet content is displayed independently from any window of a

dedicated Web browser program having native web navigation control features, wherein if the

graphical user interface rendered via the second networked information monitor ~~home

application~~ provides any control to the user of the first computing device over access, via the

second networked information monitor ~~home application~~, to content obtained over the Internet

from any uniform resource locators other than the initial resource locators associated with the

second networked information monitor ~~home application~~, such control is provided by features of

the graphical user interface that are defined by content received by the second networked

information monitor ~~home application~~ over the Internet in a format readable by a dedicated Web

browser program having native web navigation control features, and

wherein initiation of the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~ on the

first computing device is responsive to an indication in the accessed user profile that the second

home application should be automatically initiated for ~~upon login of~~ the user ~~to the first

computing device~~.

34. **(Currently Amended)** The electronic storage medium ~~method~~ of claim 33, wherein

a dimension of the graphical user interface rendered by the first networked information monitor

~~home application~~ upon initiation and a dimension of the graphical user interface rendered by the

second networked information monitor ~~home application~~ upon initiation are each separately

dictated by information stored in the user profile associated with the user.

35. **(Currently Amended)** The electronic storage medium ~~method~~ of claim 33, wherein the initial position of the graphical user interface rendered by the first networked information monitor ~~home application~~ on the output apparatus of the first computing device and the initial position of the graphical user interface rendered by the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~ on the output apparatus of the first computing device are each separately dictated by information stored in the user profile associated with the user.

36. **(Currently Amended)** The electronic storage medium ~~method~~ of claim 33, wherein the initial uniform resource locators associated with the first electronic storage medium ~~method~~ and the initial uniform resource locators associated with the second electronic storage medium ~~method~~ are dictated by information stored in the user profile associated with the user.

37. **(Currently Amended)** The electronic storage medium ~~method~~ of claim ~~32~~ 31, wherein the initial position of the graphical user interface rendered by the first networked information monitor ~~home application~~ on the output apparatus of the first computing device is dictated by information stored in the user profile associated with the user, and is based on the position of the graphical user interface rendered by the first networked information monitor ~~home application~~ on the output apparatus of the first computing device during a previous usage session by the user.

38. **(Currently Amended)** The electronic storage medium ~~method~~ of claim 31 ~~32~~, wherein the initial uniform resource locators associated with the first networked information monitor ~~home application~~ are dictated by information stored in the user profile associated with the user, and are based on uniform resource locators from which Internet content was accessed by the first networked information monitor ~~home application~~ during a previous usage session by the user.

39. **(Currently Amended)** The electronic storage medium ~~method~~ of claim 31, wherein

the computer-implemented method further comprises ~~comprising~~:

initiating a second networked information monitor ~~home application~~ on the first computing device by executing the machine readable instructions associated with the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~, wherein initiating the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~ includes generating, via the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~, a request over the Internet for content to one or more initial uniform resource locators that are different from the one or more initial uniform resource locators associated with the first networked information monitor ~~home application~~;

obtaining, via the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~, second Internet content from the one or more initial uniform resource locators associated with the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~, the second Internet content being programmed in a format readable by a dedicated Web browser program having native web navigation control features; and

rendering, via the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~, a graphical user interface defined by the second Internet content to produce a visual manifestation of the second Internet content on the output apparatus of the first computing device, wherein the visual manifestation of the second Internet content is displayed independently from any window of a dedicated Web browser program including native web navigation control features, wherein if the graphical user interface rendered via the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~ provides any control to the user of the first computing device over access, via the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~, to content obtained over the Internet from any uniform resource locators other than the initial resource locators associated with the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~, such control is provided by features of the graphical user interface that are defined by content received by the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~ over the Internet in a format readable by a dedicated Web browser program having native web navigation control features;

displaying simultaneously, on the output apparatus of the first computing device, the graphical user interface rendered by the first networked information monitor ~~home application~~ and the graphical user interface rendered by the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~;

providing a user of the first computing device with a user selectable control on the first computing device that causes the graphical user interfaces rendered by the first <u>networked</u> information monitor ~~home application~~ and the second <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ to be hidden and/or restored in a coordinated manner<u>;</u>

<u>receiving a share command on the first computing device, wherein the share command indicates that the first networked information monitor should be shared with another user; and</u>

<u>issuing instructions by the first computing device that result in an electronic transmission of information to a second computing device that is associated with the other user, wherein the information transmitted to the second computing device shares with the other user the first networked information monitor, and wherein the issuing of the instructions by the first computing device is responsive to the reception of the share command.</u>

40. **(Currently Amended)** The <u>electronic storage medium</u> ~~method~~ of claim 39, <u>wherein the computer-implemented method</u> further <u>comprises</u> ~~comprising~~:

determining, while the graphical user interfaces rendered by the first <u>networked</u> information monitor ~~home application~~ and the second <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ are being displayed on the output apparatus of the first computing device, that the selectable control has selected by the user; and

hiding the graphical user interfaces rendered by the first <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ and the second <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ on the output apparatus of the first computing device together responsive to the selection of the selectable control.

41. **(Currently Amended)** The <u>electronic storage medium</u> ~~method~~ of claim 40, <u>wherein the computer-implemented method</u> further <u>comprises</u> ~~comprising~~:

determining, while the graphical user interfaces rendered by the first <u>networked</u> information monitor ~~home application~~ and the second <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ are hidden, that the selectable control has been selected by the user; and

restoring the display of graphical user interfaces rendered by the first <u>networked</u> information monitor ~~home application~~ and the second <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home~~

~~application~~ on the output apparatus of the first computing device responsive to the selection of the selectable control.

42-49. **(Cancelled)**

50. **(Currently Amended)** A computer readable electronic storage medium ~~method~~, the electronic storage medium comprising machine readable instructions configured to operate ~~operating~~ on a first computing device to present , ~~for presenting~~ Internet content to a user of said first computing device according to a computer-implemented method , comprising:

obtaining, on the first computing device, information identifying a user of the first computing device;

accessing a user profile associated with the user based on the obtained information identifying the user, wherein the user profile is accessed by the first computing device from electronic storage media accessible to one or more processors of the first computing device;

obtaining on electronic storage media accessible to one or more processors of the first computing device machine readable instructions associated with a first networked information monitor ~~home application~~, wherein the machine readable instructions associated with the first networked information monitor ~~home application~~ include one or more initial uniform resource locators at which content for the first networked information monitor ~~home application~~ is accessible over the Internet;

initiating the first networked information monitor ~~home application~~ on the first computing device by executing the machine readable instructions associated with the first networked information monitor ~~home application~~, wherein initiating the first networked information monitor ~~home application~~ includes generating, via the first networked information monitor ~~home application~~, a request over the Internet for content to the one or more initial uniform resource locators, and

wherein initiation of the first networked information monitor on the first computing device is responsive to an indication in the accessed user profile that the first networked information monitor should be automatically initiated for the user of the first computing device;

obtaining, via the first networked information monitor ~~home application~~, first Internet

content from one or more initial uniform locators, said first Internet content programmed in a

format readable by a dedicated Web browser program having native web navigation control

features; and

       presenting, on an output apparatus of the first computing device, a manifestation of the

first Internet content in a graphical user interface associated with said first <u>networked</u>

<u>information monitor</u> ~~home application~~, wherein the manifestation is displayed independently

from any window of a dedicated Web browser program including native web navigation control

features, and wherein if the graphical user interface associated with the first <u>networked</u>

<u>information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ provides any control to a user of the first computing

device over access, via the first <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~, to content

obtained over the Internet from any uniform resource locators other than the initial uniform

resource locators, such control is provided by features of the graphical user interface that are

defined by content received by the first home application over the Internet in a format readable

by a dedicated Web browser program having native web navigation control features<u>;</u>

       <u>receiving a share command on the first computing device, wherein the share command</u>

<u>indicates that the first networked information monitor should be shared with another user; and</u>

       <u>issuing instructions by the first computing device that result in an electronic transmission</u>

<u>of information to a second computing device that is associated with the other user, wherein the</u>

<u>information transmitted to the second computing device shares with the other user the first</u>

<u>networked information monitor, and wherein the issuing of the instructions by the first</u>

<u>computing device is responsive to the reception of the share command.</u>

     51. **(Cancelled)**

     52. **(Cancelled)**

     53. **(Currently Amended)** The <u>electronic storage medium</u> ~~method~~ of claim ~~52~~ <u>50</u>,

<u>wherein the computer-implemented method</u> further <u>comprises</u> ~~comprising~~

       initiating a second <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ on the first

computing device by executing the machine readable instructions associated with the second

networked information monter ~~home application~~, wherein initiating the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~ includes generating, via the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~, a request over the Internet for content to one or more initial uniform resource locators that are different from the one or more initial uniform resource locators associated with the first networked information monitor ~~home application~~;

obtaining, via the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~, second Internet content from one or more initial uniform locators associated with the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~, said second Internet content programmed in a format readable by a dedicated Web browser program having native web navigation control features; and

presenting, on an output apparatus of the first computing device, a manifestation of the second Internet content in a graphical user interface associated with said second networked information monitor ~~home application~~, wherein the manifestation is displayed independently from any window of a dedicated Web browser program including native web navigation control features, wherein if the graphical user interface associated with the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~ provides any control to a user of the first computing device over access, via the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~, to content obtained over the Internet from any uniform resource locators other than the initial uniform resource locators associated with the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~, such control is provided by features of the graphical user interface that are defined by content received by the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~ over the Internet in a format readable by a dedicated Web browser program having native web navigation control features, and

wherein initiation of the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~ on the first computing device is responsive to an indication in the accessed user profile that the second networked information monitor ~~home application~~ should be automatically initiated for ~~upon login of~~ the user ~~to the first computing device~~.

54. **(Currently Amended)** The electronic storage medium ~~method~~ of claim 53, wherein a dimension of the graphical user interface rendered by the first networked information monitor

home application upon initiation and a dimension of the graphical user interface rendered by the
second networked information monitor home application upon initiation are each separately
dictated by information stored in the user profile associated with the user.

55. **(Currently Amended)** The electronic storage medium method of claim 53, wherein
the initial position of the graphical user interface rendered by the first networked information
monitor home application on the output apparatus of the first computing device and the initial
position of the graphical user interface rendered by the second networked information monitor
home application on the output apparatus of the first computing device are each separately
dictated by information stored in the user profile associated with the user.

56-59. **(Cancelled)**

60. **(Currently Amended)** The electronic storage medium method of claim 53, wherein
the initial uniform resource locators associated with the first networked information monitor
home application and the initial uniform resource locators associated with the second networked
information monitor home application are dictated by information stored in the user profile
associated with the user.

61. **(Currently Amended)** The electronic storage medium method of claim 50, wherein
the computer-implemented method further comprises comprising

initiating a second networked information monitor home application on the first
computing device by executing the machine readable instructions associated with the second
networked information monitor home application, wherein initiating the second networked
information monitor home application includes generating, via the second networked
information monitor home application, a request over the Internet for content to one or more
initial uniform resource locators that are different from the one or more initial uniform resource
locators associated with the first networked information monitor home application;

obtaining, via the second networked information monitor home application, second
Internet content from one or more initial uniform locators associated with the second networked

information monitor ~~home application~~, said second Internet content programmed in a format readable by a dedicated Web browser program having native web navigation control features; and

presenting, on an output apparatus of the first computing device, a manifestation of the second Internet content in a graphical user interface associated with said second <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~, wherein the manifestation is displayed independently from any window of a dedicated Web browser program including native web navigation control features, wherein if the graphical user interface associated with the second <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ provides any control to a user of the first computing device over access, via the second <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~, to content obtained over the Internet from any uniform resource locators other than the initial uniform resource locators associated with the second <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~, such control is provided by features of the graphical user interface that are defined by content received by the second <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ over the Internet in a format readable by a dedicated Web browser program having native web navigation control features

wherein presenting the manifestations of the first <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ and the second <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ comprise displaying simultaneously, on the output apparatus of the first computing device, the graphical user interface associated with the first <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ and the graphical user interface associated with the second <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~, and wherein the method further comprises providing the user of the first computing device with a user selectable control on the first computing device that causes the graphical user interfaces associated with the first <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ and the second <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ to be hidden and/or restored in a coordinated manner.

62. **(Currently Amended)** A <u>computer readable electronic storage medium</u> ~~method~~, <u>the electronic storage medium comprising machine executable instructions configured to operate</u> ~~operating~~ on a first computing device <u>to present</u> ~~, for presenting~~ Internet content to a user of said

first computing device, according to a computer-implemented method comprising:

obtaining, on the first computing device, information identifying a user of the first computing device;

accessing a user profile associated with the user based on the obtained information identifying the user, wherein the user profile is accessed by the first computing device from electronic storage media accessible to one or more processors of the first computing device;

obtaining, on electronic storage media accessible to one or more processors of the first computing device, machine readable instructions associated with a networked information monitor home application, wherein the machine readable instructions associated with the first networked information monitor home application include one or more initial uniform resource locators at which content for the networked information monitor home application is accessible over the Internet;

initiating the networked information monitor home application on the first computing device by executing the machine readable instructions associated with the networked information monitor home application, wherein initiating the networked information monitor home application includes generating, via the networked information monitor home application, a request over the Internet for content to the one or more initial uniform resource locators, and

wherein initiation of the home application on the first computing device is responsive to an indication in the accessed user profile that the home application should be automatically initiated for the user of the first computing device ;

obtaining, via the networked information monitor home application, first Internet content from the one or more initial uniform resource locators in a format readable by a dedicated Web browser program having native web browsing control features; and

displaying, on an output apparatus of the first computing device, a graphical user interface rendered by said networked information monitor home application within which a visual manifestation of the first Internet content is presented, wherein the graphical user interface comprises one or more selectable options corresponding to functionality available to the user via the networked information monitor home application, wherein the visual manifestation of the first Internet content and the one or more selectable options included in the graphical user interface are displayed independently from any window of a dedicated Web browser program

including native web browsing control features, wherein all of the selectable options included in the graphical user interface that correspond to functionality available to the user via the networked information monitor ~~home application~~ are defined by the first Internet content received by the networked information monitor ~~home application~~ from the initial uniform resource locators over the Internet;

receiving a share command on the first computing device, wherein the share command indicates that the networked information monitor should be shared with another user; and

issuing instructions by the first computing device that result in an electronic transmission of information to a second computing device that is associated with the other user, wherein the information transmitted to the second computing device shares with the other user the networked information monitor, and wherein the issuing of the instructions by the first computing device is responsive to the reception of the share command.

63. **(Cancelled)**

64. **(Currently Amended)** The electronic storage medium ~~method~~ of claim 62 ~~63~~, wherein the initial position of the graphical user interface on the output apparatus of the first computing device is dictated by information stored in the user profile associated with the user, and is based on the position of the graphical user interface on the output apparatus of the first computing device during a previous usage session by the user.

65. **(Currently Amended)** The electronic storage medium ~~method~~ of claim 62, wherein the first Internet content obtained over the Internet by the networked information monitor ~~home application~~ from the initial uniform resource locators comprises content data provided by a first entity, and information defining functionality available to the user via the networked information monitor ~~home application~~ to control presentation of the content data is defined by a second entity.

66. **(Currently Amended)** The electronic storage medium ~~method~~ of claim 62 ~~63~~, wherein a dimension of the graphical user interface on the output apparatus of the first

computing device is dictated by information stored in the user profile associated with the user, and is based on the same dimension of the graphical user interface on the output apparatus of the first computing device during a previous usage session by the user.

67.   **(Currently Amended)** The <u>electronic storage medium</u> ~~method~~ of claim <u>62</u> ~~63~~, wherein the initial uniform resource locators are dictated by information stored in the user profile associated with the user, and are based on uniform resource locators from which Internet content was accessed by the <u>networked information monitor</u> ~~home application~~ during a previous usage session by the user.

68.   **(Currently Amended)** The <u>electronic storage medium</u> ~~method~~ of claim 62, wherein native web browsing navigation control features comprise one or more of a selectable forward button provided by an application independent from content received over the Internet, a selectable backward button provided by an application independent from content received over the Internet, or an address line for manual entry of a uniform resource locator provided by an application independent from content received over the Internet.

69-75.   **(Cancelled)**

76.   **(Currently Amended)** One or more processor readable storage devices having processor readable code embodied thereon, said processor readable code for programming one or more processors to perform a method of presenting and interacting with Internet content, the method comprising the steps of:

    <u>obtaining, on a first computing device including the one or more processors, information identifying a user of the first computing device;</u>

    <u>accessing a user profile associated with the user based on the obtained information identifying the user, wherein the user profile is accessed by the first computing device from electronic storage media accessible to one or more processors of the first computing device;</u>

    obtaining on electronic storage media accessible to one or more processors of a first computing device machine readable instructions associated with a <u>networked information</u>

monitor ~~home application~~, wherein the machine readable instructions associated with the

networked information monitor ~~home application~~ include one or more initial uniform resource

locators at which content for ~~first~~ networked information monitor ~~home application~~ is accessible

over the Internet;

   initiating the networked information monitor ~~home application~~ on the first computing

device by executing the machine readable instructions associated with the networked information

monitor ~~home application~~, wherein initiating the networked information monitor ~~home~~

~~application~~ includes generating, via the networked information monitor ~~home application~~, a

request over the Internet for content to the one or more initial uniform resource locators, and

   wherein initiation of the networked information monitor on the first computing device is

responsive to an indication in the accessed user profile that the networked information monitor

should be automatically initiated for the user of the first computing device;

   obtaining, via the networked information monitor ~~home application~~, first Internet content

from the one or more initial uniform resource locators that is programmed in a format readable

by a dedicated Web browser program having native web navigation control features; and

   rendering, via the networked information monitor ~~home application~~, a graphical user

interface defined by the first Internet content to produce a visual manifestation of the first

Internet content on an output apparatus of the first computing device, wherein the visual

manifestation of the first Internet content is displayed independently from any window of a

dedicated Web browser program including native web navigation control features, and wherein if

the graphical user interface rendered via the networked information monitor ~~home application~~

provides any control to a user of the first computing device over access, via the networked

information monitor ~~home application~~, to content obtained over the Internet from any uniform

resource locators other than the initial uniform resource locators, such control is provided by

features of the graphical user interface that are defined by content received by the networked

information monitor ~~home application~~ over the Internet in a format readable by a dedicated Web

browser program having native web navigation control features;

   receiving a share command on the first computing device, wherein the share command

indicates that the networked information monitor should be shared with another user; and

   issuing instructions by the first computing device that result in an electronic transmission

of information to a second computing device that is associated with the other user, wherein the

information transmitted to the second computing device shares with the other user the networked

information monitor, and wherein the issuing of the instructions by the first computing device is

responsive to the reception of the share command.

    77.   **(Cancelled)**

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Renumbered independent claims 1, 11, 17 and 23 among other things teach:

a first network information monitor requests and receives content from one or more

initial uniform resource locators and renders a graphical user interface defined by the content to

produce a visual manifestation of content is displayed independently from any window of a

dedicated Web browser including native web navigation control features that is associated with a

user profile that is initiated accessed after the user provides the profile information and the

ability to share network information monitor with other users in a computer networking

environment. The combination of features renders a non-obvious invention over the prior art.

The prior art does not teach the cited limitation.

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